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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2006.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3,7-9 and 11-24 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3 and 7-9 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt of response dated 7-21-06 is acknowledged.

Claims 1-3, 7-9 and 11-24 are pending. Claims 11-24 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-3 and 7-9 have been examined.

The following is a new rejection applied to instant claims:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bischoff et al (Berichte der Deutschen Chemischen Gesellschaft. 1907, abstract only).

Bischoff discloses a compound having the CAS registry number 503046-65-9, which is a 2-[[(4-methoxyphenyl) amino] methyl]-1,3-benzenediol (see page of abstract). The above compound has been listed on page 5 of instant application. Thus, Bischoff anticipates instant claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emilsson et al (European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, abstract only) as evidenced by WO 2006050988 to De Vries et al (WO).

The abstract of Emilsson shows reaction between 2,6-dimethoxybenzaldehyde with an amine. Examiner notes that the compound 2 of instant claim 7 is not a 2,5-dimethoxy-benzaldehyde and instead is a 2,6-dimethoxy-benzaldehyde. Emilsson does not teach the same amine employed in the instant claimed reaction. However, it would

have been *prima facie* obvious for one of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the instant invention was made to employ other amines in reaction with 2,6- di methoxybenzaldehyde to prepare an expected product because the instant reactants are not novel and are known compounds in the prior art. *In re Durden*, 763 F.2d 1406, 226 USPQ 359. One of an ordinary skill in the art would have expected reasonable success in producing a desired compound with the above process, as evidenced by the process of producing the compound G (which reads on the instant compound of claims 7-9) by the same reaction process, even though the reference of WO is not a prior art document.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 and 7-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lakshmi S. Channavajjala whose telephone number is 571-272-0591. The examiner can normally be reached on 7.00 AM-4.30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for

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